

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2017
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Patrick Regan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present

Patrick Regan, Tracy Whitney, Scott Ferguson, Wendy Duren, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Scott Hemink, Lindsey Carr, Jonathan Weiss

Also Present

Tony Jewett

April 4, 2017 Minutes

The Committee approved the April 4, 2017 Park Committee minutes on a motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Tracy Whitney. Motion carried 4-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Park Reports

Tracy Whitney stated that the horseshoe pit at Thorpe Park is in need of repair.

Wendy Duren asked whether the fountain at Children's Park is operational. Tony Jewett stated that the water line feeding the fountain has been turned off the past two seasons due to a lawsuit. Dana Young stated that he thought the public works crew filled the fountain manually but would check with the crew tomorrow.

Scott Ferguson asked about the progress of the repairs to the Deephaven Beach swimming dock. Dana Young stated that he thought that the contractor would have the repairs completed in a couple of weeks, but would check with the contractor tomorrow.

Patrick Regan stated that more beach sand is needed at Nocomo Beach and noted that there appears to be a drainage issue in the open skate area at Thorpe Park. Dana Young stated that he would inform the crew about the need for more sand at Nocomo Beach and noted that the City Council discussed the need to review the overall grade and drainage of the open skate / ball field area prior to the construction of the new restroom.

Welcome Scott Hemink, New Committee Member

Dana Young stated that Scott Hemink had to go out of town and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Review Park & Beach Assignments

The Committee decided to postpone assigning members to each park & beach until all members are present.

Thorpe Park Project – Necessities, Interior Modifications, Lighting Options

Dana Young stated that Craig Gallop, with Musco Sports Lighting, is here tonight to provide the Committee with lighting options for the hockey rink.

Craig Gallop stated that athletic lighting is what Musco does and they do about 90% of all the athletic lighting in Minnesota. He stated that they have done projects in Minnetonka, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie. He stated that Musco provides a very high quality system that lasts for 25 years and is mid-range in terms of costs. He stated that they are proposing a system that provides uniform lighting on the rink and eliminates spill light. He stated that they will light the rink to an average of 25 footcandles. He stated that surrounding neighborhoods hate glare from lights and they take away the glare. He stated that the advantage of LED lighting over HID lighting is that you can control glare better with LED lighting.

He stated that he is proposing a two pole system with one pole located on the NW corner and the other on the SE corner, with lighting from the SE pole also directed at the open skate area. He stated that Musco will do the structural installation, the lighting design and the foot-candle study of the rink and provide a 25-year warranty. In regards to the pole height, he would recommend a 50' pole but felt that we could get by with 40' poles. He stated that the foot-candle study would determine the overall height of the pole. He noted that the 50' poles would control the glare better by providing a better downward angle. He stated that he quoted approximately \$52,000 for the LED lighting system and \$44,000 for the HID lighting system.

Tony Jewett asked how long would it take for Musco to repair or change out a light. Craig Gallop stated that it would take approximately 2-3 days unless it was an emergency.

Tony Jewett asked if the open skate area would be lit sufficiently from the one pole by the hockey rink. Craig Gallop stated that the open skate area is relatively large but a couple of lights should be adequate.

Patrick Regan asked several questions regarding the lighting color and other lighting specifications. Craig Gallop stated that there are options available if you would want a different lighting temperature.

Wendy Duren asked if there were examples of Musco's LED lighting system. Craig Gallop stated that the City of Minnetonka will be installing Musco's LED lights at a soccer field near the Minnetonka City Hall campus.

Craig Gallop stated that there are different options for the City to consider regarding obtaining competitive lighting bids. He stated that Musco could help provide plans & specifications for the competitive bidding process or provide information on how the City could purchase lighting from a cooperative purchasing venture.

Tony Jewett asked what should be the City's next steps.

Craig Gallop recommended checking out the hockey rinks and soccer field lighting in Minnetonka. He stated that Musco would be willing to assist with developing plans & specifications or provide information on cooperative purchasing.

The Committee thanked Craig Gallop for his presentation.

Dana Young provided the Committee with a quote from Westy's Electric Inc. on an alternative lighting system that proposed 6 shorter poles at a cost of \$32,095.

Patrick Regan stated that we need to require foot-candle studies before a lighting system is purchased.

Both Patrick Regan and Scott Ferguson questioned the taller poles proposed by Musco and whether there would be excessive glare from these taller poles. Further concerns were mentioned on the adequacy of the lighting to the open skate area from a pole located next to the hockey rink.

Patrick Regan stated that he would recommend LED lighting over HID lighting because it is much more cost efficient in terms of replacement and energy cost savings.

He further recommended that both companies need to provide lighting installation plans, foot-candle studies, and lighting specifications. He recommended that the City hire an electrical engineer to assist with providing quotes or to design/build the lights. He added that more, shorter poles would be generally better for the surrounding neighborhood.

Patrick Regan that he would be willing to provide the City with a simple specification sheet that the City could send out to lighting manufacturers.

Scott Ferguson exits at 7:50 p.m.

Discuss Park & Beach Comp Plan Recommendations

Dana Young stated that he would like the Committee to review the section of the City's Comprehensive Plan dealing with parks & beaches but noted that with most of the summer months set aside for discussions on the Thorpe Park Project, discussion on the Comp Plan may not happen until this fall.

Other

Discussion was held on whether to schedule of Park Committee meetings over the summer months. It was the consensus of the members to try to schedule a meeting each month, even if it meant meeting on a special day.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Park Committee will be held on June 6, 2017.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Patrick Regan, seconded by Wendy Duren. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.